Mr. Duncan of South Carolina, Mr. Gosar, Mr. Smith of Texas, RIBBLE, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, ROUZER, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. FLEM-ING, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. Jones, Mr. Desjarlais, Mr. BLACKBURN, Pitts, Mrs. LAMALFA, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. YODER, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Pittenger, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. WOODALL, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. Sam Johnson of Texas, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Zinke, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Posey, Mr. Ratcliffe, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. LONG, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. Schweikert, Mr. Bridenstine, Mr. WILLIAMS. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. RENACCI. Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. GUTH-RIE Mr. MEADOWS, and Mr. BARIN):

H. Con. Res. 97. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should submit to the Senate for advice and consent the climate change agreement proposed for adoption at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to be held in Paris, France from November 30 to December 11, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

By Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Mr. Conyers, Ms. Norton, Mr. Danny K. Davis of Illinois, Ms. Brown of Florida, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Grijalva, Ms. Clarke of New York, Mrs. Beatty, and Mr. Hastings):

H. Con. Res. 98. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that homelessness in America should be eliminated; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. GIB-SON, Miss RICE of New York, and Mr. COLLINS of New York):

H. Con. Res. 99. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the United States Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps; to the Committee on Armed Serv-

> Mr. CHABOT (for himself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Adams, Ms. Mr. Ashford. Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. BLUM, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. Bost, Mrs. Brooks of Indiana, Ms. Brown of Florida, Mrs. Bustos, Mr. Capuano, Mr. Cárdenas, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. Curbelo of Florida, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. Ellmers of North Carolina, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. Graves of Missouri, Mr. Gri-JALVA, Ms. HAHN, Mr. HANNA, Mr. HARDY, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. KNIGHT, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. LUETKE-MEYER, Mr. MARINO, Ms. MENG, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SCHA-KOWSKY, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. TAKAI, Mr. TIPTON, Ms. TITUS, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. Sensenbrenner, Mr. Kind, Ms. Brownley of California, Mr. Brat. Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, and Mr. McCAUL):

H. Res. 534. A resolution expressing support for the designation of a "Small Business Saturday" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. HANNA (for himself, Mr. Issa, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ENGEL, MCDERMOTT, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. FARR, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Beyer, Mr. Bou-STANY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ABRAHAM, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Turner, Ms. GRAHAM, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. Weber of Texas, Mrs. Watson COLEMAN, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. Brendan F. Boyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Ms. LOF-GREN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Mr. McGOVERN):

H. Res. 535. A resolution condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Beirut, Lebanon, on November 12, 2015, that resulted in the loss of at least 43 lives; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. SIRES (for himself, Ms. Ros-LEHTINEN, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. DUN-CAN of South Carolina):

H. Res. 536. A resolution supporting freedom of the press in Latin America and the Caribbean and condemning violations of press freedom and violence against journalists, bloggers, and individuals exercising their right to freedom of speech; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. JENKINS of Kansas:

H. Res. 537. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Federal law prohibits the transfer of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the United States: to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. POCAN, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. HONDA, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. NOR-TON, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. LEE):

H. Res. 538. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting awareness of adoption and the children in foster care awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, recognizing current programs and efforts designed to promote adoption, and encouraging people in the United States to seek improved safety, permanency, and well-being for all children; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

## ${\tt MEMORIALS}$

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

150. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 16, calling upon the President of the United States to encourage the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to adopt policies to repeal the current and upcoming discriminatory donor suitability policies of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding blood donations by men who have had sex with another man and, instead, direct the FDA to develop science-based policies such as criteria based on risky behavior in lieu of sexual orientation; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

151. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 25, urging the President and Congress of the United States to support legislation that will provide a comprehensive solution to allow banks and

credit unions to perform financial services for marijuana businesses; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

152. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 22, urging the federal government to take steps to reform the outdated and inadequate Official Poverty Measure to better reflect poverty and the unmet needs demonstrated by the Supplemental Poverty Measure; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

153. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 27, urging the Congress of the United States to permanently reauthorize and fully fund the federal land and Water Conservation Fund in order to maintain and preserve land and water resources; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

154. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 13, urging the Congress and President of the United States to continue to secure citizens' right to vote and remedy any racial discrimination in voting; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

155. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 26, urging the Congress of the United States to ban the sale or display of any Confederate flag, including the Confederate Battle Flag, on federal property and encourage states to ban the use of Confederate States of America symbolism from state flags, seals, and symbols, and would encourage the donation of Confederate artifacts to museums; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi:  $H.R.\ 4079.$ 

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 4

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 4080.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I; Section 8; Clause 1 of the Constitution states The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . .

By Mr. WEBSTER of Florida:

H.R. 4081.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The authority granted Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 and Clause 7 of the United States Constitution establish the basis for Congress providing transportation infrastructure.

By Mr. WEBSTER of Florida:

H.R. 4082.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The authority granted Congress under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 and Clause 7 of the United States Constitution establish the basis for Congress to authorize surface transportation funding.

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 4083.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (the Commerce Clause) of the Constitution of the United States which grants Congress the power "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes" as well as Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 (Necessary and Proper Clause) of the Constitution of the United States which gives Congress the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested to Congress.

By Mr. WEBER of Texas:

H.R. 4084.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

The Congress shall have power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department of Officer thereof.

By Mr. TIBERI:

H.R. 4085.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I

By Mr. HILL:

H.R. 4086.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 Clause 4 of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. LOVE:

H.R. 4087.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. PASCRELL:

H.R. 4088.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 4089.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts, and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts, and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: The Congress shall have Power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the forgoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

H.R. 4090.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Ms. BORDALLO:

H.R. 4091.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV Section 3

By Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania: H B. 4092

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I.

By Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 4093.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I.

By Mr. BRAT:

H.R. 4094.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution grants Congress "power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration." Left undefined in the amendment, the "incomes" appropriate for taxation must be determined through legislation passed by Congress. Congress therefore has the power to exclude from income taxation such sources as it deems appropriate.

By Ms. BROWNLEY of California: H.R. 4095.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Amendment 1 to the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. CAPUANO:

H.R. 4096.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. CAPUANO:

H.R. 4097.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 4 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California:

H.R. 4098.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CLAY:

H.R. 4099.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, "The Commerce Power Congress"

By Mr. CLAY:

H.R. 4100.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 4101.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mrs. COMSTOCK:

H.R. 4102.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (Power To lay and collect Taxes); Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (Commerce Clause); and the Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

By Mr. CRAMER:

H.R. 4103.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. CROWLEY:

H.R. 4104.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: "The Congress shall have Power to law and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises . . ."

By Mr. DESJARLAIS:

H.R. 4105.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3. Congress shall have Power to regulate Commerce with Foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with Indian Tribes.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 4106.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section 8, Article I of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. DONOVAN:

H.R. 4107.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Ms. GABBARD:

H.R. 4108.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The U.S. Constitution including Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 4109.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Const. art. I, §§1 and 8. By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 4110.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

US Const., Art. I, Sec. 8, Cl. 1, 18 ("The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . . [and] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.")(Social Security Disibility benefits are provided to individuals who have physical disabilities that prevent them from working, so as to ensure their "general Welfare," and are paid through tax revenues. A GAO study on modifying payments to certain recipients is a proper means of ensuring the program is as effective as possible).

By Mr. LANCE:

H.R. 4111.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER:

H.R. 4112.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises to pay the debts and provide for the common Defense and general welfare of the United States, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1. Thus, Congress has the authority not only to increase taxes, but also, to reduce taxes to promote the general welfare of the United States of America and her citizens. Additionally, Congress has the Constitutional authority to regulate commerce among the States and the Indian Tribes, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 4113.

H.R. 4113. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Fourteenth Amendment, Section 5, which reads: The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article; and Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, which reads: The Congress shall have Power to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 4114.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 4115.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States of America.

By Ms. MOORE:

H.R. 4116.